

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 11, 2015

Agenda Item: 2015 Bison Quotas

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

While the bison hunting season structure was addressed during biennial season setting in February, license quotas can be changed through a proposal at the June meeting, public comment, and Fish & Wildlife Commission action at the August meeting.

For the 2015 bison hunting season, FWP is proposing no changes from the 2014 bison license numbers. These quotas include an offer of 2 licenses to each of 8 Native American tribes statutorily listed to receive the licenses for a total of 16 licenses. If those licenses are not claimed by the tribes entitled to them they are issued through the regular bison drawing.

Public Involvement Process & Results

The public comment period for this proposal will run through 5 p.m., Monday, July 13 with any final adoption at the Aug. 6 Commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, deletions, or no change from 2014 (status quo).

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission adopt for public comment the 2015 - 2016 bison license numbers as presented by FWP.